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SUBJECT: WORLD CONGRESS OF FREE HUNGARIANS

1. AN ORGANIZATION CALLED "FREE HUNGARIANS" HELD A TWO DAY CONFERENCE IN THE HAGUE AUGUST 5 AND 6. ACCORDING TO THE ORGANIZERS THIS WAS THE SECOND WORLD CONFERENCE OF FREE HUNGARIANS AND REPRESENTED 300,000 HUNGARIANS LIVING IN THE WEST. THE CONGRESS DISCUSSED HUMAN RIGHTS AND SELF DETERMINATION IN HUNGARY, HUNGARY'S PLACE IN EUROPE, AND THE HUNGARIAN MINORITY IN ROMANIA. APPROXIMATELY 200 PERSONS ATTENDED WHICH, ACCORDING TO MFA SOURCES, WAS A DISAPPOINTMENT TO THE ORGANIZATION.

2. SEVERAL WEEKS AGO THE HUNGARIAN AMBASSADOR, DURING A MEETING WITH THE MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS TO DISCUSS THE VISIT TO THE NETHERLANDS NEXT MONTH OF FOREIGN MINISTER PUJA (SEE THE HAGUE 3941), EXPRESS HER GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN REGARDING THE MEETING. SHE SAID THE HUNGARIANS WERE CONCERNED THAT THE GON HAD APPROVED THE CONGRESS BUT THE MFA EXPLAINED THAT
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GOVERNMENT APPROVAL WAS NOT REQUIRED FOR SUCH A MEETING. THE ORGANIZATION REQUESTED ATTENDANCE BY PRIME MINISTER VAN AGT AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER WIEGEL BUT THE GOVERNMENT DECLINED AND NO GON REPRESENTATIVE PARTICIPATED IN THE CONGRESS.

3. MFA HAS TOLD US THAT AN INTERESTING ASPECT OF THE

CONGRESS WAS THE NUMBER OF LETTERS RECEIVED FROM ROMANIANS
IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD WHO WROTE TO SAY THAT THE
STATUS OF THE HUNGARIAN MINORITY IN ROMANIA WAS NOT A
SUBJECT WHICH REQUIRED DISCUSSION.
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